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8.401 Definitions.

As used in this subpart-

Ordering activity means an activity that is authorized to place orders, or establish blanket purchase agreements (BPA), against the General Services Administration's (GSA) *Multiple Award Schedule* contracts. A list of eligible *ordering activities* is available at <http://www.gsa.gov/schedules> (click "For Customers Ordering from Schedules" and then "Eligibility to Use GSA Sources").

Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) means contracts awarded by GSA or the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for similar or comparable *supplies*, or services, established with more than one supplier, at varying prices. The primary statutory authorities for the MAS program are [41 U.S.C. 152\(3\)](#), Competitive Procedures, and [40 U.S.C. 501](#), Services for *Executive Agencies*.

Requiring agency means the agency needing the *supplies* or services.

Schedules e-Library means the on-line source for GSA and VA Federal Supply Schedule contract award information. *Schedules e-Library* may be accessed at <http://www.gsa.gov/elibrary>.

Special Item Number (SIN) means a group of generically similar (but not identical) *supplies* or services that are intended to serve the same general purpose or function.

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